(e) The Government has launched several schemes to encourage the cultivation of pulses as given below:-

1. ISOPOM is being implemented since 1.4.2004 in 14 major pulses growing States.

2. National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses was launched in 2007-08 and is being implemented in 171 identified districts of 14 major pulses growing States in 11th Five Year Plan.

3. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme (Revised) provides assistance for pulses development to the States not covered under ISOPOM.

4. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) under which also the States can undertake pulses development programm.

Remunerative price for Cotton Growers

†715. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to bumper crop of cotton in the current year, the production is likely to touch approximately 290 lacs of cotton bales;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only 284.50 lacs cotton bales have been procured till now;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the production of cotton in the international market has been reduced this year and the prices are likely to be hiked in the international market; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to provide appropriate price of remaining production to the cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As per the 3rd Advance Estimates released on 08.05.2009, the production of cotton in the country during 2008-09 is estimated at 232.68 lakh bales (of 170 kg each).

(b) As per information received from the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), in addition to the procurement by Trade and Spinning Mills, 127 lakh bales of cotton has been procured by the institutional agencies like CCI and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) under the MSP operations.

(c) As per the latest release of International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), the world's cotton production during 2008-09 has declined to 23.52 million tonnes as against 26.19 million tonnes during the previous year. As measured by Cotlook A Index, the average international prices during cotton season 2008-09 are projected at 60 US cents per pound as against 73 US cents during the previous year.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(d) During the cotton season 2008-09, the Government has taken steps to provide appropriate price to cotton growers and substantially increased the Minimum Support Price of two basic varieties of cotton from 1800 and Rs.2030 per quintal to Rs. 2500 and Rs 3000 per quintal in the year 2008-09 in resoect of F-414/H-777/J34 and H-4 respectively.

Plans for RKVS, NFSM AND NHM

716. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the plans being made for 'Rashtriya Krishi VikasYojana', 'National Food Security Mission' and 'National Horticulture Mission'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

Pursuant to the resolution adopted on 29.05.07 by the National Development Council (NDC), to reorient the current agricultural development strategies to meet the needs of the farmers and for fresh efforts by the Central and State Governments to rejuvenate agriculture so as to achieve 4% annual growth during the 11th Five Year Plan, a new State Plan Schemes of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for agriculture and allied sectors, namely, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been launched during 2007-08 with and envisaged outlay of Rs.25,000/- crore for the 11th Five Year Plan. Brief Note in respect of RKVY is enclosed as Statement-I. (*See* below).

National Food Security Mission (NFSM)

In view of the resolution adopted by the National Development Council (NDC) to launch a Food Security Mission in the country to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tones, respectively by the end of XI Plan, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'National Food Security Mission' has been launched from Rabi, 2007-08 with three major components *viz.* NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses. Brief Note in respect of NFSM is enclosed as Statement-II (*See*
below).

National Horticulture Mission (NHM)

As per the guidelines of NHM, the State Horticulture Missions and Implementing Agencies send their Annual Action Plan proposals to the Central Government for approval of Executive Committee of the National Horticulture Mission. The Action Plans are examined and based on the approval, funds are released to the tune of 85% as central share while 15% is contributed by State Government as state share. In case of National Level Agencies the assistance is 100%. Funds are released keeping in view the unspent balances of previous years. The process of release of funds for 2009-10 has been imitated under the scheme.

Statement-I

Brief note on Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

1. Pursuant to the resolution adopted on 29-05-2007 by the National Development Council (NDC), to reorient the current agricultural development strategies to meet the needs of the farmers and